

Remarks

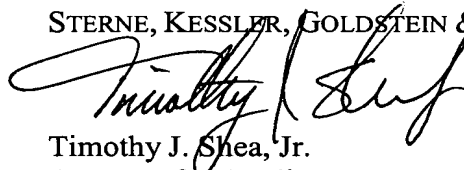
In the Office Action dated September 30, 2005, the Office stated that the Amendment submitted July 18, 2005, was noncompliant because certain amended paragraphs to the specification did not contain proper markings. Applicants apologize for any inconvenience to the Office caused by this inadvertent error. Applicants have resubmitted the noncompliant amendments with the proper markings. No new matter is believed to have been added by this amendment. To the extent the Office identifies any other errors of this nature, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone so that the error can be addressed as quickly as possible.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy J. Shea, Jr.", written over the printed name.

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